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Historical Sketch

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CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

OF THE

Academy of Medicine

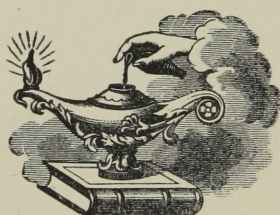
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BRIEF HISTORICAL SKETCH
OF THE
Academy of Medicine of Cincinnati.

THE Academy of Medicine was organized March 5, 1857, at a meeting held for that purpose in the lecture room of Bacon's Building, north-west corner of Walnut and Sixth streets. The following gentlemen were present and took part in the organization: William Judkins, M. D., Stephen Bonner, M. D., C. G. Comegys, M. D., J. P. Judkins, M. D., William Clendenin, M. D., E. B. Stevens, M. D., J. A. Murphy, M. D., Henry E. Foote, M. D., William H. Mussey, M. D., Joseph Byrd Smith, M. D., John F. White, M. D., E. Williams, M. D., Alex. M. Johnston, M. D., and C. B. Hughes, M. D. Dr. J. B. Smith was elected Temporary Chairman, and C. B. Hughes, Secretary.

After the adoption of the constitution, the following gentlemen were elected to serve as officers during the ensuing year: President, R. D. MUSSEY, M. D.; First Vice-President, J. B. SMITH, M. D.; Second Vice-President, ROBERT R. McILVAINE, M. D.; Recording Secretary, C. B. HUGHES, M. D.;

Corresponding Secretary, C. G. COMEGYS, M. D.; Treasurer, WILLIAM CLENDENIN, M. D.; Librarian, JESSE P. JUDKINS, M. D.

On the evening of April 6, following the organization, the Academy commenced to hold its meetings regularly in the lecture room of Bacon's Building, which had been secured for the purpose at fifty dollars a year. It continued to meet there until March 7, 1859, when it commenced to hold its sessions at the office of Dr. J. F. White, north-west corner of Fourth and Race streets, up stairs over the drug store of Stevens & Snyder. From there it removed, February 6, 1860, to its present hall in the Dental College on College street.

At the regular meeting held May 4, Dr. R. D. Mussey, the venerable President, delivered his Inaugural Address. On account of advanced age and infirmity, he did not preside again during the year. The Secretary, Dr. Hughes, thus sketches the address: "Prof. Mussey then proceeded to deliver his inaugural address, touching upon what he understood to be the principal objects to be attained by the establishment of the Academy; namely, the investigation and discussion of such subjects as vital statistics; public and private hygiene; the adulteration of food; progress of medicine and surgery; conditions of the atmosphere in relation to epidemics; original observations of disease; the encouragement of medical scholarship; and of making the proceedings of the Academy the basis of public opinion on matters pertaining to medicine. The Dr. concluded by hoping that a love of truth would prevail over rivalry and dissension. It was this hope that had induced him to accept the honor that the Academy had been pleased to bestow upon him."

At a meeting held March 8, 1858, Dr. C. B. Hughes offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

"*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed by the Academy to confer with committees of the Cincinnati Medical Society and the Medico-Chirurgical Society—if these societies

deem it proper to appoint such committees—upon the expediency of a union of them with the Academy.”

Drs. Almy, Clendenin and Hughes were appointed the committee.

On the evening of the 13th of the following September, the committee having reported that they had made no progress in accomplishing the object for which they had been appointed were discharged.

The Academy held its meetings monthly from the time of its organization until it removed its sessions into its present hall, when it commenced holding weekly meetings—every Monday evening.

At the regular meeting, held March 1, 1869 (a majority of all the members of the Academy being present and voting in the affirmative), it was resolved that the Academy be duly incorporated under the laws of the State of Ohio, and Drs. R. R. McIlvaine, J. J. Quinn, and J. P. Walker were elected Trustees.

CONSTITUTION.

We, physicians in Cincinnati and vicinity, in order to cultivate honorable fellowship, to promote our own advancement in medical science, and to contribute to the maintenance of the highest standard of excellence in our profession, do unite to form a society, with the following constitution and by-laws for its government.

Article I.

Of the Name.—This society shall be known and designated as the ACADEMY OF MEDICINE OF CINCINNATI.

Article II.

Of the Active Members.—Any regular practitioner resident in Cincinnati, the county of Hamilton, Covington, Ky., or Newport, Ky., in good standing, who has had conferred upon him the degree of M. D., may become a member of this Academy. Having been proposed, at his own request, and the initiation fee and first year's dues paid in, the name of the candidate shall be submitted to the committee on admissions, upon whose favorable report a vote shall be taken at a regular meeting of the Academy, a majority by ballot being required for election.

The member elect shall sign the constitution before his membership shall be considered consummated and before he be entitled to the privileges arising therefrom.

Article III.

Of Corresponding Members.—Corresponding members may be admitted by a vote of three-fourths of the active members present at any regular meeting. The corresponding memberships shall be confined to previously active members of the Academy, and such distinguished practitioners as may, on ac-

count of residence, be ineligible to active membership; provided, always, that the whole number of corresponding members shall not at any time exceed forty.

Article IV.

Of Honorary Members.—Honorary members may be admitted by an unanimous vote of the active members present at any regular meeting; provided, always, that the whole number of honorary members shall not at any time exceed fifteen.

Article V.

Of the Officers.—The officers of the Academy shall be a president, first vice president, second vice-president, recording secretary, corresponding secretary, treasurer, librarian, and three trustees. They shall be chosen annually, by ballot, on the first Monday in March, and shall hold their respective offices for one year, and until their successors shall have been elected and duly inducted into office.

Article VI.

Expulsion of Members.—A vote of two-thirds of the members present, shall be requisite for the expulsion of a member; which vote shall be taken on recommendation of the Committee on Ethics, after they shall have investigated the charges preferred, and at a subsequent regular meeting.

Article VII.

Of Committees.—The following standing committees shall be appointed annually by the president, each committee to consist of three members: 1. Admissions. 2. Medical Ethics. 3. Publication. 4. Executive Committee. Other committees may be appointed as the interests of the Academy require.

Article VIII.

Alteration of Constitution.—This Constitution, after a notice of at least three months, in writing, may be altered or amended by a vote of three-fourths of the members present.

BY-LAWS.

Act 1.—Duties of Officers.

SECTION 1. The president shall call the Academy to order at the appointed time; put all motions; decide questions of order, subject to an appeal; preserve decorum; give a casting vote in all cases except elections; and perform such other duties as may be hereafter specified.

SEC. 2. The first vice-president, in the absence of the president, shall perform the ordinary duties assigned that officer; and in his absence the second vice-president shall perform said duties.

SEC. 3. The recording secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of the Academy; a list of the names of the members; collect and pay over to the treasurer all moneys due; preserve all papers belonging to the Academy, and perform such other duties as may attach to the office.

SEC. 4. The corresponding secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Academy, and make a quarterly report of the same.

SEC. 5. The treasurer shall give bonds for the faithful administration of all funds in his hands, such bonds to be for double the amount of funds in the treasury at the beginning of the academic year. He shall also keep an account of all moneys received, pay debts upon order of the Academy, and make a quarterly report of the condition of the finances, and of the amount due from each member.

SEC. 6. The librarian shall have charge of the library of the Academy, and keep a list of the books and periodicals.

SEC. 7. The trustees, besides having general charge of all the property of the Academy, shall superintend the monetary affairs, examine all bills and accounts of the treasurer and secretary and assess by *pro rata* upon active members any sum that

may be necessary to meet the incidental expenses, subject to the approval of the Academy.

Act 2.—Duties of Standing Committees.

SECTION 1. The standing committees shall report as often as may be directed by the Academy; such reports to be made in writing, and to be acted upon immediately, or laid over as may be thought proper.

SEC. 2. The committee on admissions shall receive the names of candidates for active membership, make due inquiry as to their eligibility, and report the result. If any applicant should be considered worthy, they may recommend an immediate balloting for his election.

SEC. 3. The committee on ethics shall hear all complaints of breach or violation of medical etiquette, and decide all questions of ethics submitted to them.

SEC. 4. The committee on publication shall superintend the printing of such papers as the Academy may order published.

SEC. 5. The executive committee shall attend to all preparations necessary for the accommodation of the Academy, recommend plans for the promotion of its objects, and in all things protect and superintend its general interests.

Act 3.—Duties of Members.

SECTION 1. Active members shall pay an annual tax of five dollars, provided, that the recommendations of the library committee are carried out, otherwise the annual dues shall remain as heretofore, two dollars. Any member who shall neglect to pay the same or any assessment made by the trustees, and approved by the Academy, for three months after having been notified by the secretary or treasurer of such delinquency, shall forfeit his membership.

SEC. 2. Every member of the Academy shall be entitled to a certificate of membership, printed on parchment, signed by the president and secretary, and having the seal of the Academy affixed thereto; active members paying into the treasury therefor the sum of five dollars.

Act 4.—Miscellaneous.

SECTION 1. The meetings of the Academy shall be held every Monday evening, each session to continue not longer than two hours, except upon special vote for longer continuance.

SEC. 2. The order of business at each regular meeting shall be:

1. Reading of the minutes of previous meeting.
2. Miscellaneous business, including resolutions, appointment of committees, essayists, etc.
3. Reports of sections.
4. Reports of cases.
5. Dissertations.
6. Reports of committees.
7. Adjournment.

And it is provided that the time allotted to the first and second items of order of business shall not exceed thirty minutes for both.

SEC. 3. No member shall speak more than twice upon the same subject, nor more than fifteen minutes at a time unless to explain, or by permission of the Academy.

SEC. 4. The sections of the Academy shall be as follows:
1. On epidemics. 2. On fevers. 3. On diseases of the thorax and larynx. 4. On diseases of the mouth, pharynx, œsophagus, and abdomen. 5. On the urine and diseases of the urinary organs. 6. On diseases of the blood, rheumatism and gout. 7. On diseases of the skin. 8. On diseases of the nervous system. 9. On psychology. 10. On hygiene. 11. On anatomy. 12. On surgery. 13. On venereal diseases. 14. On ophthalmology and otology. 15. On materia medica and therapeutics. 16. On chemistry. 17. On obstetrics. 18. On diseases of women. 19. On diseases of children. 20. On pathology and morbid anatomy. 21. On medical jurisprudence and toxicology. 22. On physiology. 23. On microscopy. 24. On new remedies and pharmacy. 25. On vaccination.

SEC. 5. Every paper presented to the Academy, having been read, shall be referred to its appropriate section for consideration and report, and no discussion shall be had upon such paper until it shall have been reported back to the Academy.

LIST OF OFFICERS OF THE ACADEMY

FROM ITS ESTABLISHMENT, IN 1857, TO THE PRESENT TIME, 1869.

Offices.	1857.	1858.	1859.	1860.	1861.	1862.	1863.
<i>President</i>	R. D. Mussey.	E. B. Stevens.	J. F. White.	J. F. White.	J. F. White.	R. R. McIlvaine.	R. R. McIlvaine.
<i>1st Vice President</i> ..	J. B. Smith.	J. F. White.	S. Bonner.	S. Bonner.	S. O. Almy.	J. H. Tate.	S. O. Almy.
<i>2d Vice President</i> ..	R. R. McIlvaine.	W. H. Mussey.	S. O. Almy.	S. O. Almy.	H. E. Foote.	C. T. Simpson.	F. Roelker.
<i>Recording Sec'y</i> ...	C. B. Hughes.	A. M. Johnson.	J. A. Thacker.	W. H. M Reynolds	C. T. Simpson.	W. T. Brown.	W. T. Brown.
<i>Correspond. Sec'y</i> ...	C. G. Comegys.	J. A. Thacker.	W. T. Brown.	A. E. Heighway.	W. T. Brown.	E. B. Stevens.	E. B. Stevens.
<i>Treasurer</i>	Wm. Clendenin.	Wm. Clendenin.	Wm. Clendenin.	W. H. Taylor.	W. H. Taylor.	W. H. Taylor.	W. H. Taylor.
<i>Librarian</i>	Jesse P. Judkins.	Jesse P. Judkins.	W. H. M Reynolds	J. A. Thacker.	R. R. McIlvaine.	E. H. Johnson.	W. P. Thornton.
Offices.	1864.	1865.	1866.	1867.	1868.	1869.	
<i>President</i>	S. O. Almy.	R. R. McIlvaine.	Thos. Carroll.	J. L. Vattier.	John Davis.	W. W. Dawson.	
<i>1st Vice President</i> ..	Thos. Carroll.	John Davis.	Chas. Woodward.	John Davis.	A. Rosenfeld.	W. B. Davis.	
<i>2d Vice President</i> ..	W. B. Davis.	G. A. Doherty.	J. L. Vattier.	W. H. M Reynolds	J. P. Walker.	C. S. Miscoff.	
<i>Recording Sec'y</i> ...	C. P. Wilson.	C. P. Wilson.	M. B. Graft.	G. S. Courtright.	J. L. Neilson.	M. A. Wilson.	
<i>Correspond. Sec'y</i> ...	E. B. Stevens.	E. B. Stevens.	E. B. Stevens.	W. T. Brown.	John A. Murphy.	E. B. Stevens.	
<i>Treasurer</i>	W. H. Taylor.	W. H. Taylor.	W. H. Taylor.	J. S. Unzicker.	J. S. Unzicker.	J. S. Unzicker.	
<i>Librarian</i>	E. H. Johnson.	J. B. Smith.	W. P. Thornton.	W. B. Davis.	W. B. Davis.	Hiram Smith.	

LIST OF MEMBERS.

List of members of the Academy of Medicine to the present time, June 15, 1869. Those having an asterisk (*) to their names have been removed by death; those marked thus (†) are no longer residents of the city; and thus (‡) have resigned:

Names.	When Elected.	Names.	When Elected.
Wm. Judkins*.....	ORIGINAL MEMBERS.	Thomas Carroll.....	April 22, 1860
R. D. Mussey*.....		G. E. Jones†.....	May 28, 1860
R. R. McIlvaine.....		W. P. Thornton.....	Sept. 24, 1860
C. G. Comegys.....		Chas. R. Greenleaf†.....	Oct. 22, 1860
W. Clendenin.....		E. H. Johnson*.....	" 29, 1860
J. B. Smith*.....		K. Goddard†.....	Dec. 3, 1860
J. P. Judkins*.....		J. H. Tate.....	" 17, 1860
J. F. White.....		B. S. Lawson.....	" 17, 1860
W. H. Mussey.....		D. S. Gans*.....	Jan. 21, 1861
C. B. Hughes†.....		A. Brueñt.....	March 4, 1861
E. B. Stevens.....		George Fries*.....	" 11, 1861
J. A. Murphy.....		B. F. Richardson.....	Nov. 18, 1861
A. E. Heighway.....		James Graham.....	" 18, 1861
H. E. Foote.....		J. C. Blackburn†.....	" 18, 1861
Stephen Bonner†.....		F. Schmidt.....	Jan. 13, 1862
E. Williams.....		F. Roelker†.....	Mar. 24, 1862
A. M. Johnston.....		J. L. Vattier.....	April 7, 1862
J. T. Webb.....		R. H. Moore†.....	" 7, 1862
O. D. Norton.....		F. A. J. Gerwe.....	" 7, 1862
L. M. Lawson*.....		Hiram Smith.....	" 21, 1862
Wm. Krause*.....		G. S. Courtright†.....	Dec. 1, 1862
S. O. Almy.....		G. R. Patton.....	Jan. 12, 1863
W. T. Brown.....		G. Doherty.....	" 19, 1863
Byron Stanton†.....		G. C. Blackman.....	Feb. 23, 1863
C. T. Simpson.....		D. D. Bramble.....	April 13, 1863
Thomas Wood.....		C. P. Wilson†.....	" 13, 1863
J. A. Thacker.....		I. S. Dodge.....	May 4, 1863
G. Mendenhall.....		Wm. Carson.....	" 4, 1863
W. H. Taylor.....		A. Rosenfeld.....	" 4, 1863
W. H. McReynolds.....		W. G. Scott†.....	Feb. 22, 1864
S. P. Bonner.....		T. A. Pinkney†.....	" 22, 1864
John Davis.....		J. P. Walker.....	Mar. 14, 1864
W. B. Davis.....		A. H. Hoeltge.....	" 14, 1864
T. L. Neill†.....		M. Cassatt.....	" 14, 1864
B. P. Goode.....		C. F. Hetlich.....	" 14, 1864
A. H. Baker*.....		J. H. Buckner.....	April 4, 1864
J. D. Webb.....		C. D. Palmer.....	May 23, 1864
Joseph Steinreide†.....		J. J. Quinn.....	June 13, 1864
Chas. Woodward.....		S. Sexton.....	Oct. 17, 1864

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Names.	When Elected.	Names.	When Elected.
M. B. Graff	Nov 21, 1864	S. L. Green.....	Mar. 11, 1867
P. S. Gillane.....	Jan. 23, 1865	F. Sittel.....	" 25, 1867
M. Heller.....	Mar. 6, 1865	John E. Patterson†.....	April 1, 1867
F. B. Mussey.....	" 6, 1865	John L. Neilson.....	May 17, 1867
W. T. Taliaferro.....	April 10, 1865	Edward Rives.....	June 3, 1867
Theophilus Parvin†.....	May 15, 1865	A. A. Parker.....	July 1, 1867
R. Bartholow.....	" 15, 1865	F. Brunning.....	" 2, 1867
C. A. Miller.....	" 29, 1865	J. W. Underhill.....	Oct. 11, 1867
W. F. Tibballs.....	" 29, 1865	B. F. Miller.....	" 11, 1867
E. Morgan†.....	June 5, 1865	Chas. P. Judkins.....	" 11, 1867
C. D. Fishburn.....	Nov. 13, 1865	P. F. Maley.....	" 11, 1867
W. W. Seely.....	" 20, 1865	Horace Ludington.....	" 11, 1867
O. Britton†.....	" 27, 1865	J. M. Tucker.....	Feb. 24, 1868
D. S. Young.....	Dec. 4, 1865	Chas. O. Wright.....	" 24, 1868
W. W. Dawson.....	" 11, 1865	C. P. Divan.....	Mar. 11, 1868
John Ludlow.....	" 11, 1865	Wm. Irvin Wolfley.....	April 11, 1868
Jas. C. Culbertson.....	Feb. 11, 1866	J. Henry Hazard†.....	June 26, 1868
Bernard Mosenmeier.....	" 12, 1866	Richard B. Potter.....	" 28, 1868
Jno. D. W. Roberts†.....	" 19, 1866	And. C. Kemper.....	July 23, 1868
Jos. S. Unzicker.....	Mar. 26, 1866	Geo. E. Stubbs†.....	Aug. 13, 1868
J. G. Strobidge†.....	" 26, 1866	C. L. Armstrong.....	Oct. 10, 1868
W. R. Woodward.....	" 26, 1866	M. A. Wilson.....	Dec. 10, 1869
William B. Neftelt.....	" 26, 1866	Thos. C. Henry.....	" 10, 1868
Thos. H. Kearney.....	April 23, 1866	P. E. McMillen.....	Jan. 18, 1869
C. B. Chapman†.....	" 23, 1866	J. E. Jones.....	Mar. 22, 1869
A. M. Brown.....	" 23, 1866	J. W. Hadlock.....	" 22, 1869
C. P. Brent.....	" 30, 1866	S. J. F. Miller.....	" 22, 1869
J. C. Kinkle†.....	" 30, 1866	L. A. Querner.....	" 22, 1869
J. D. Staebler†.....	May 7, 1866	D. E. Wade.....	" 22, 1869
A. D. Williams.....	" 13, 1866	A. L. Carrick.....	" 22, 1869
W. H. Gobrecht.....	June 4, 1866	J. H. Bell.....	" 22, 1869
John H. Luken†.....	July 2, 1866	J. L. Cleveland.....	April 12, 1869
P. S. Conner.....	Oct. 1, 1866	P. M. Bigney.....	" 12, 1869
B. F. Stevenson.....	" 1, 1866	W. K. Perrine.....	" 12, 1869
A. J. Miles.....	" 22, 1866	M. B. Kellar.....	April 27, 1869
A. Bettman.....	Nov. 12, 1866	J. W. Scott.....	May 3, 1869
R. W. Saunders.....	Mar. 2, 1867	J. C. Mackenzie.....	" 17, 1869
Geo. E. Walton.....	" 4, 1867	J. L. Cilley.....	Sept. 13, 1869

HONORARY MEMBERS.

Names.	Residence.	When Elected.
Wm. Mount,*.....	Cumminsville,July 5, 1863
L. C. Rives.....	Cincinnati,April 22, 1867
P. G. Fore.....	Cincinnati,June 17, 1867
Prof. P. A. Piorry.....	Paris,March, 1868
Prof. Claude Bernard.....	Paris," 1868
Prof. Charles Le Conte.....	Paris," 1868
Prof. P. Broca.....	Paris," 1868

CORRESPONDING MEMBER.

Geo. S. Courtright.....	Lithopolis,March, 1868
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